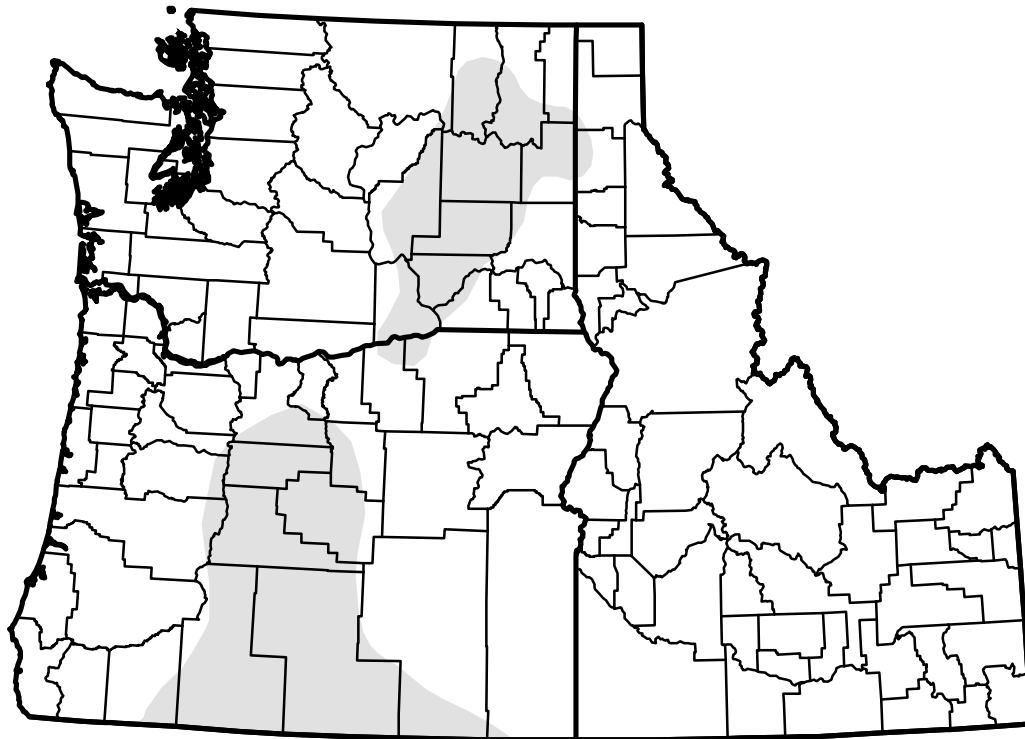


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	95.08	4.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-06-2011</i>	95.62	4.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-13-2011</i>	98.01	1.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2011</i>	84.94	15.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	98.65	1.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-14-2010</i>	85.94	14.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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